

THE ANNUAL CONDITION OF IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES: 2009

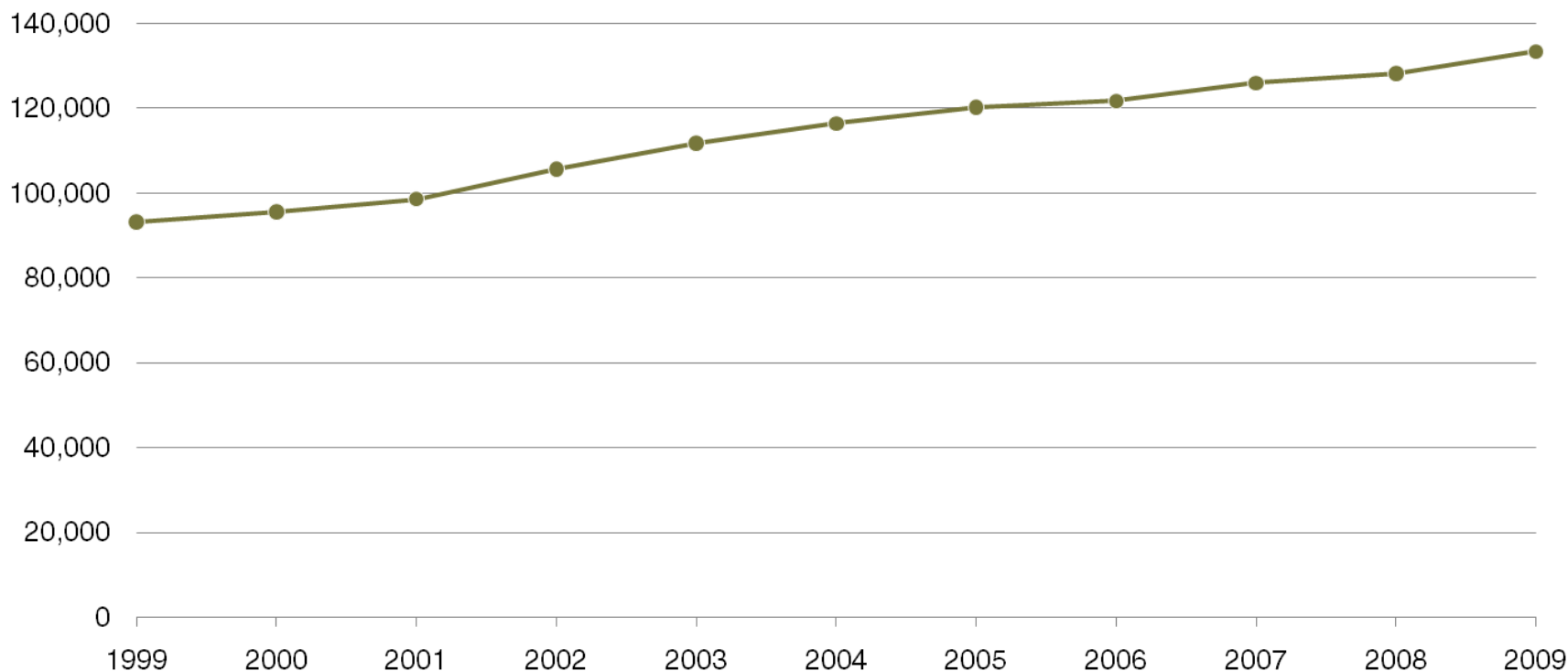
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Fiscal Year Enrollment

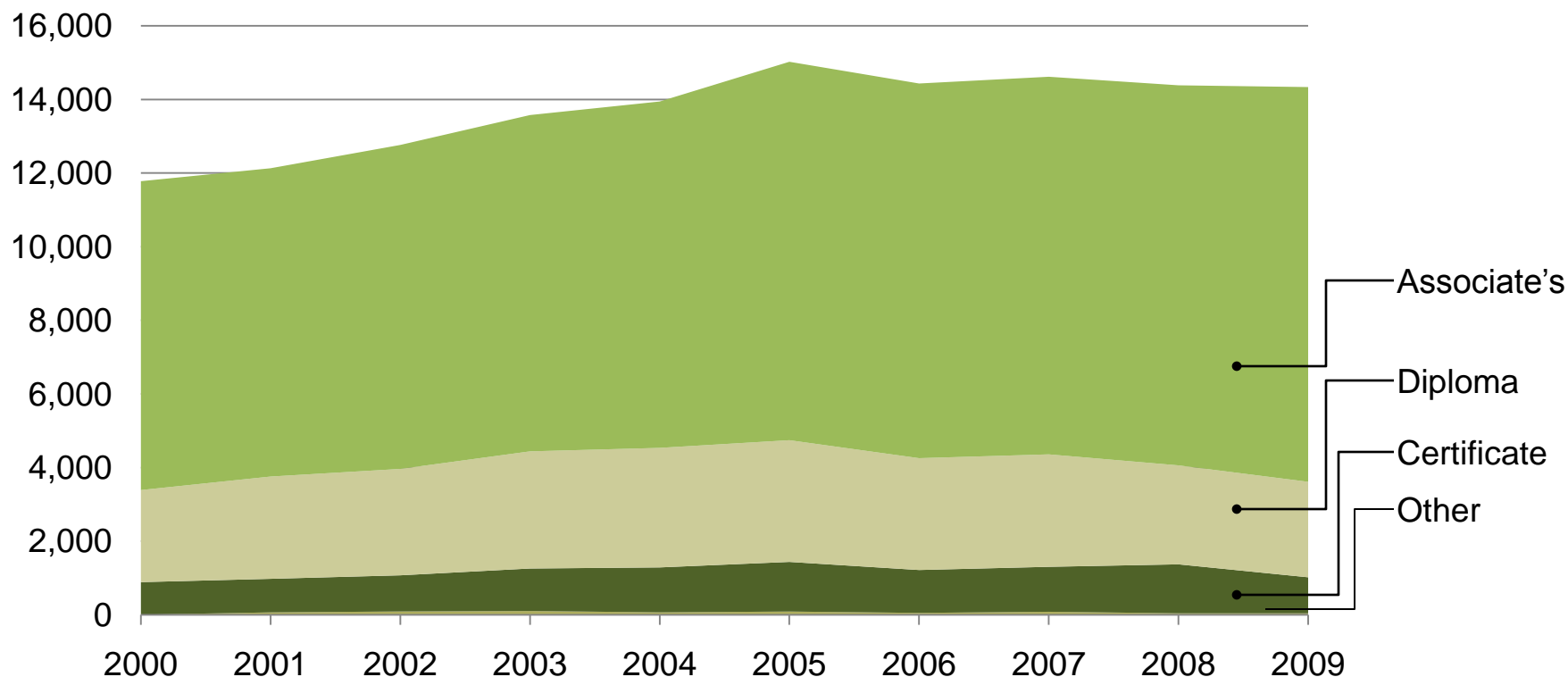


Enrollment increased to a new record high of 133,387, an increase of 4.1 percent over last year. The increase was the highest since 2004 and coincided with the 2007-2008 recession.



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Student Awards

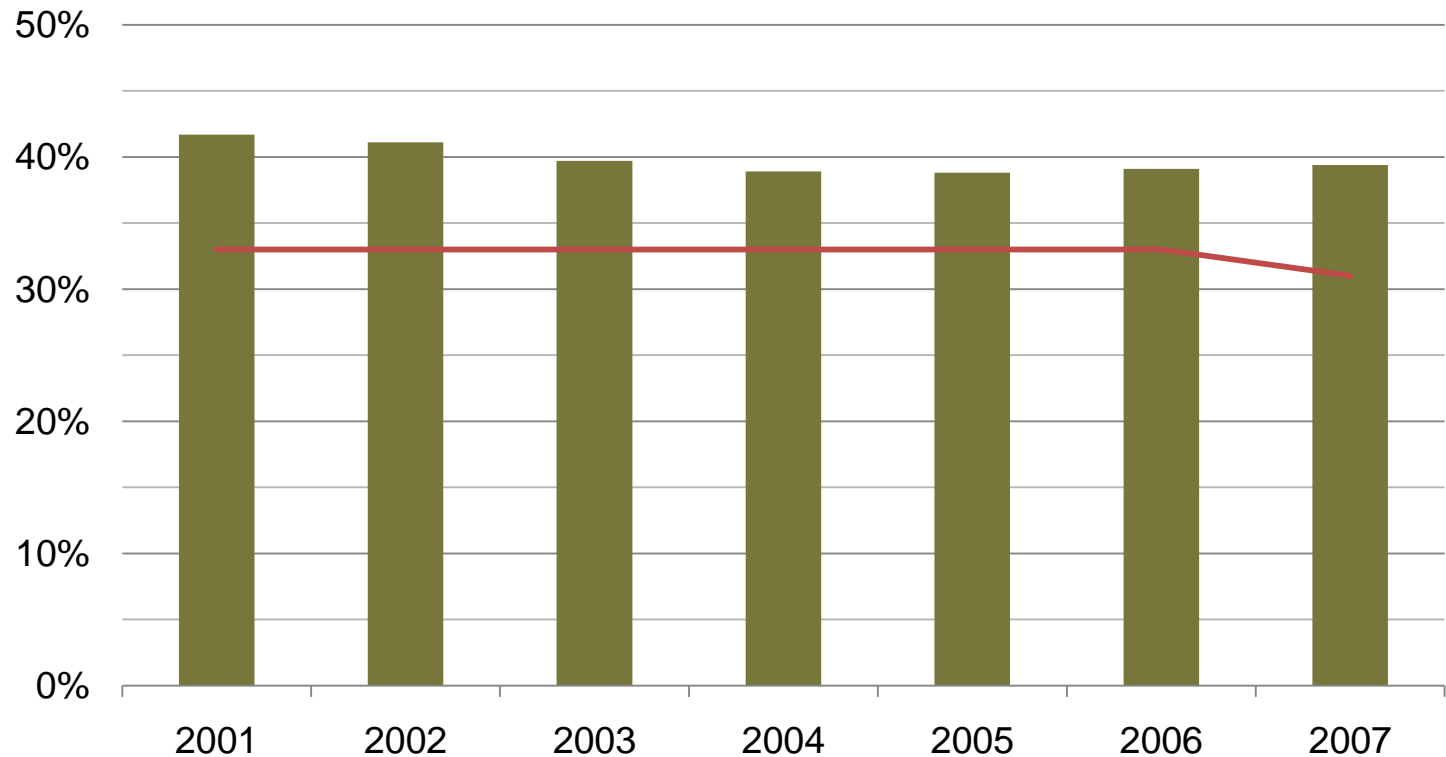


Community colleges granted 14,336 awards last year, a 0.3 percent decrease. Associate's degrees were the largest category of awards.



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Graduation Rate

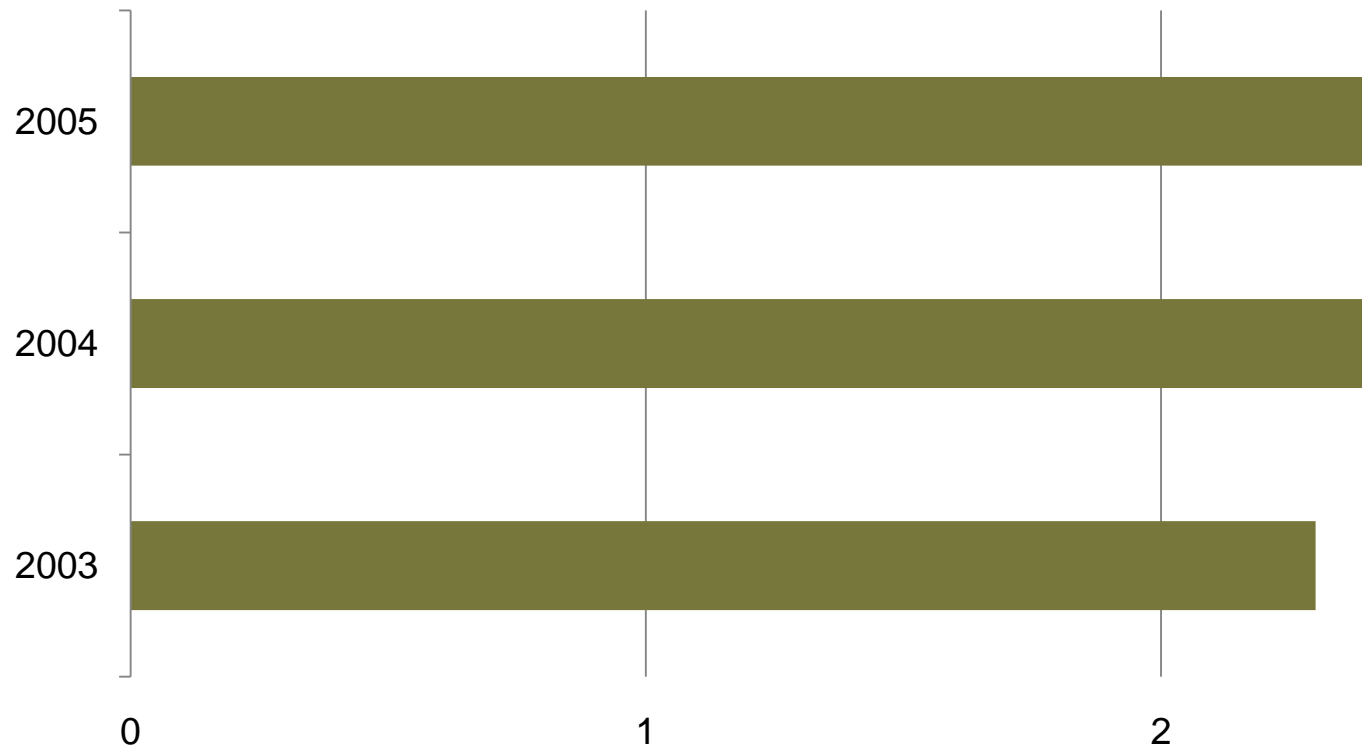


The three year graduation rate for first-time, full-time students rose slightly to 39.4 percent for the 2007 cohort. The graduation rate has fluctuated, but stayed ahead of the national graduation rate (31 percent).



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Time to Degree

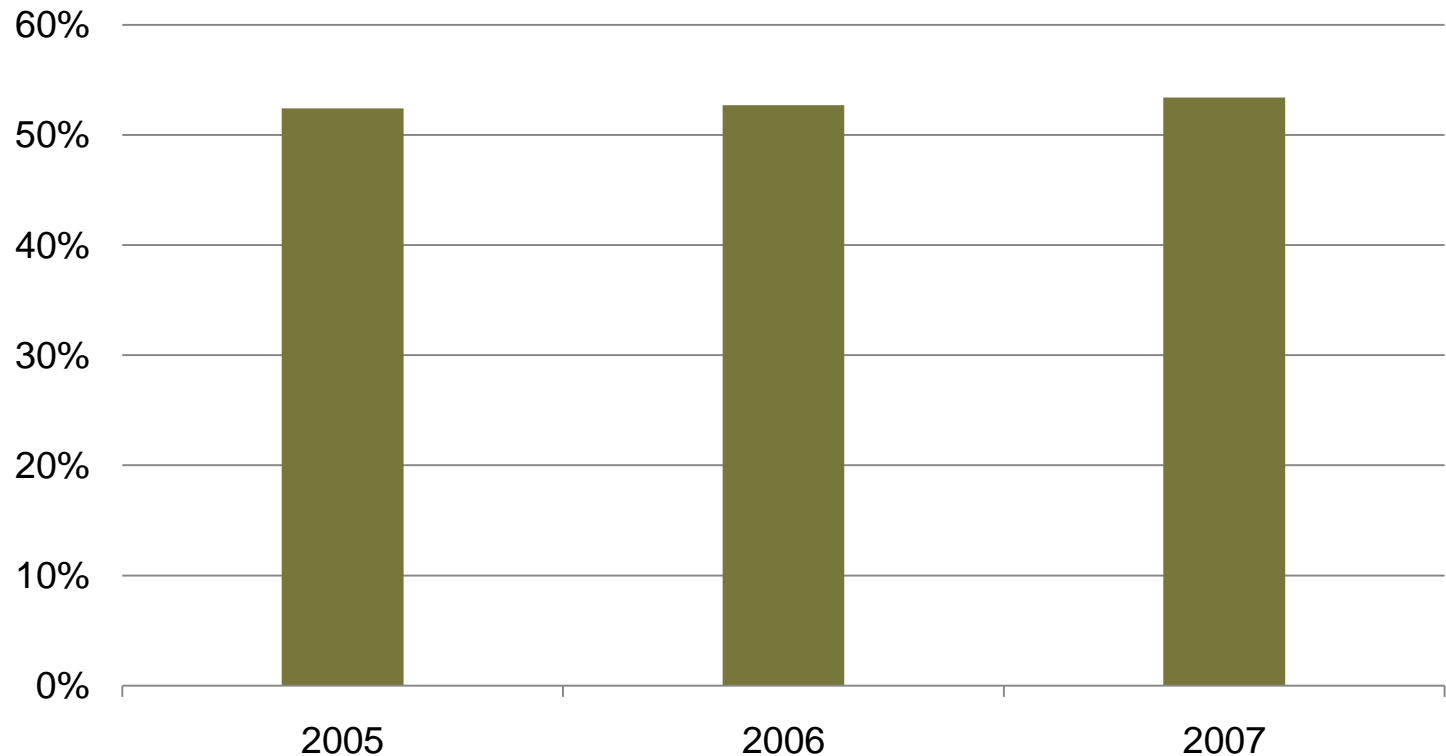


Time-to-degree remained steady at 2.4 years for the 2005 cohort .



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Success Rate

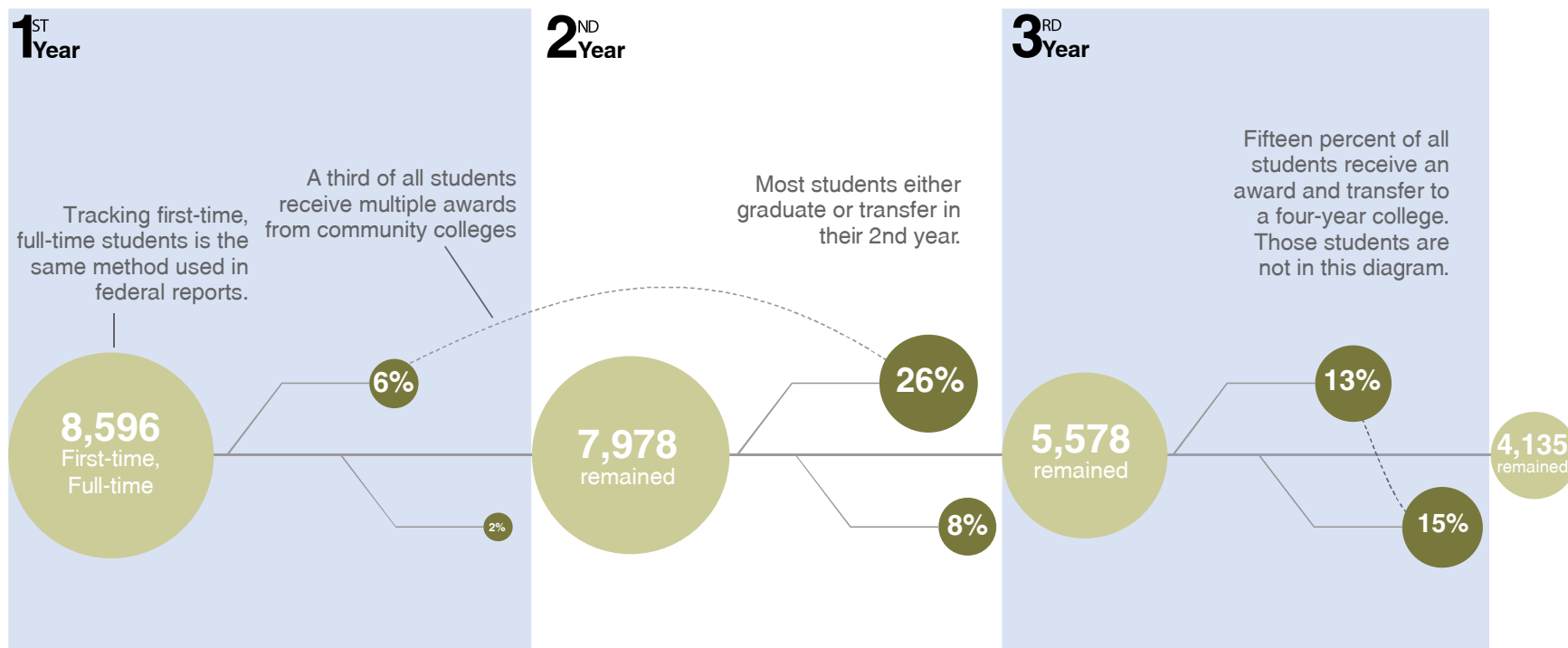


Slightly over 53 percent of first-time, full-time students entering in 2007 either transferred or graduated within three years (by 2009), up slightly since the 2006 cohort.



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Path to Success

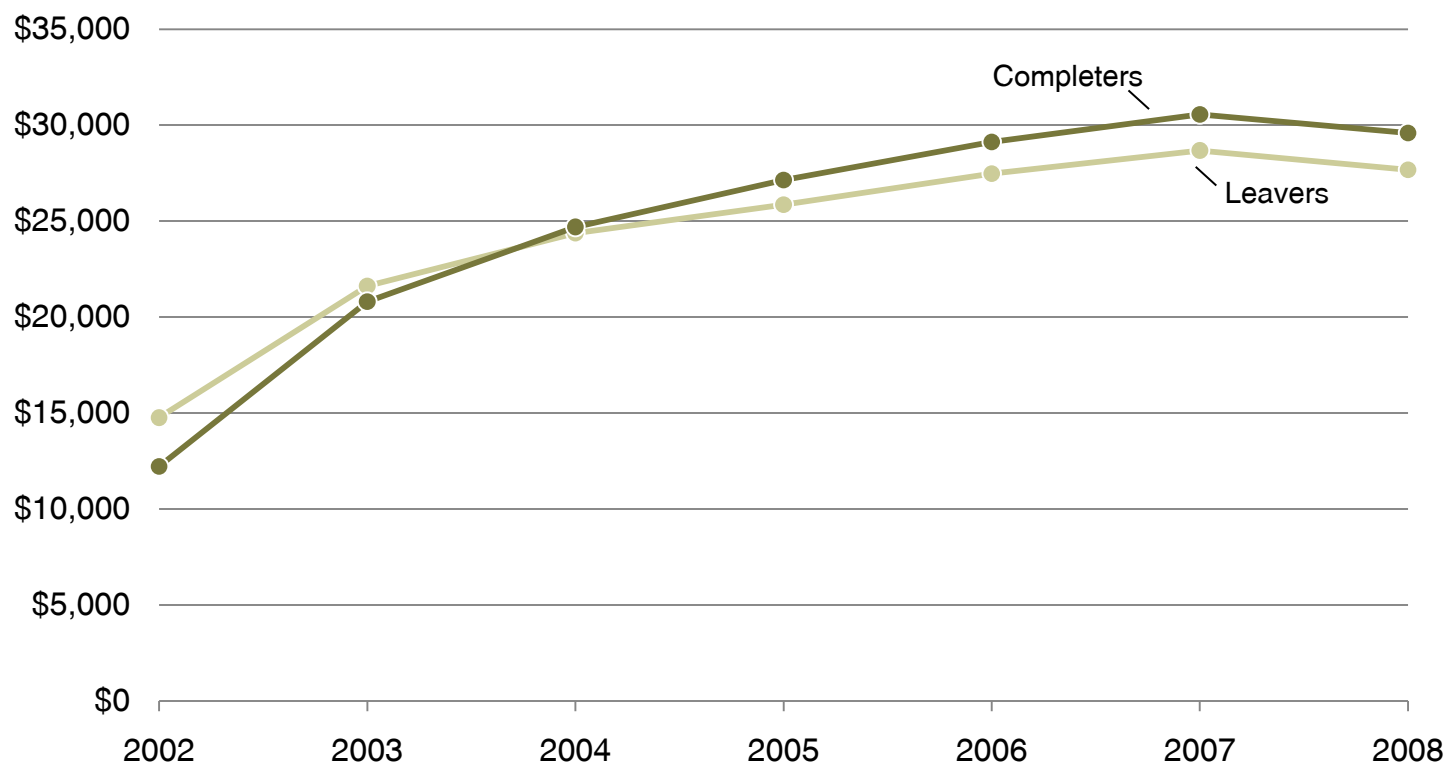


Thirty-four percent of students either graduate or transfer in their second year. Many, 28 percent, succeed in their third year.



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Median Wages



Leavers left in 2001 and were in the workforce in 2002. Completers were finishing their degree in 2002 and worked in 2003. By 2004, completers were already more than leavers.



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Rate of Return

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$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \$1 & \rightarrow & \$0.06 & + & \$1 \\ \text{investment} & & \text{rate of return} & & \text{original} \\ & & & & \text{investment} \end{array}$$

means

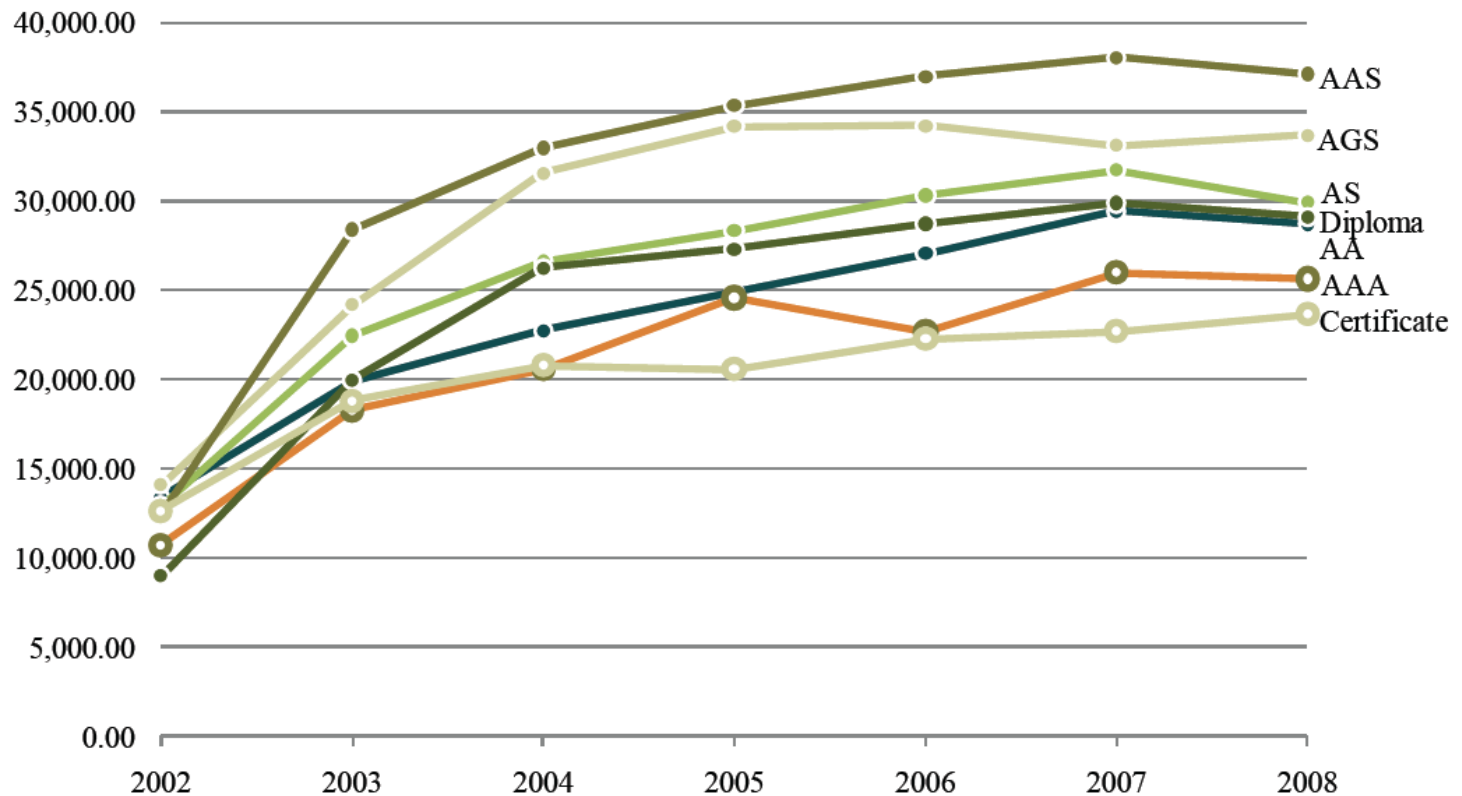
\$1,994

The rate of return for all completers was 6 percent. Over the 6 year period, completing a degree was worth \$1,994 to students. National estimates show returns are typically between 6 and 14 percent.



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Wages by Degree



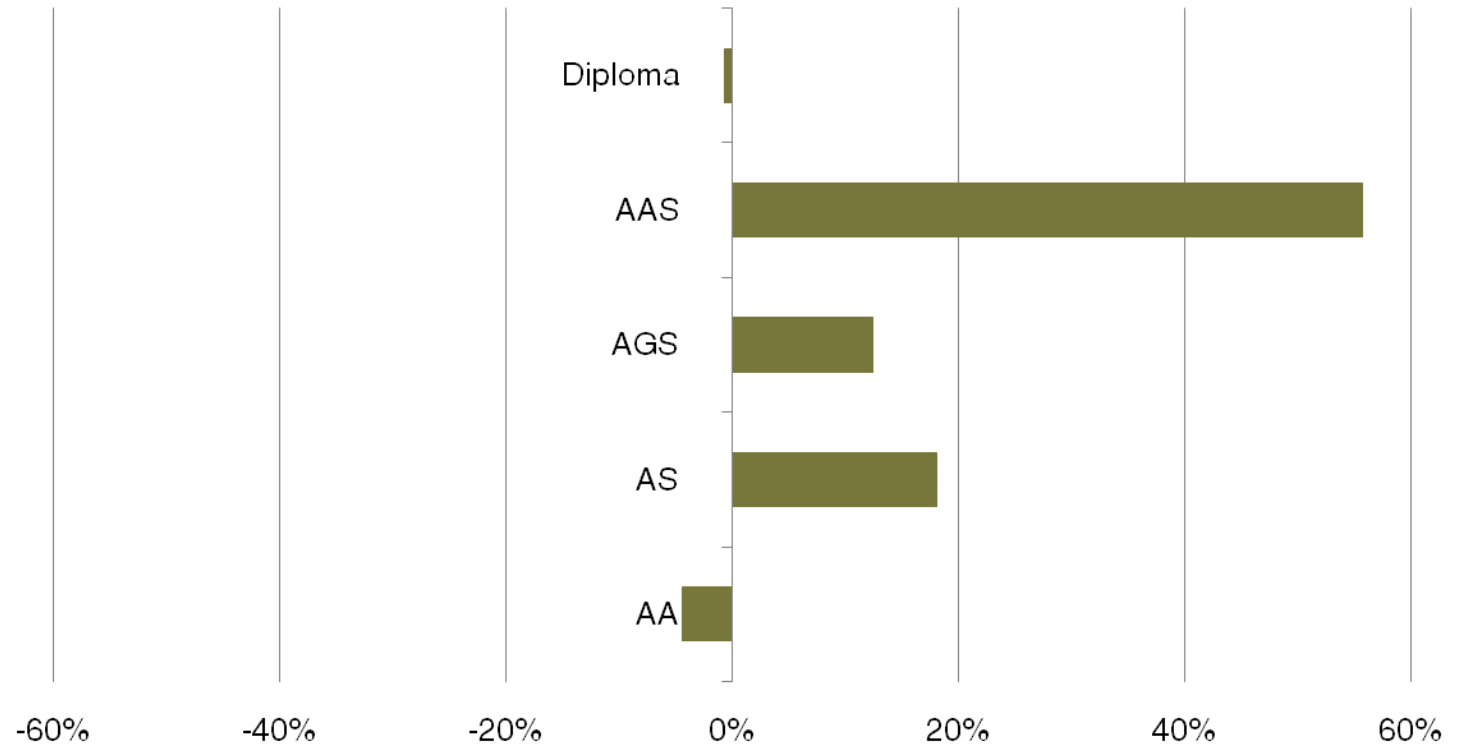
AAS recipients had the highest median earnings by 2008 with \$37,121. AA recipients earned \$28,712 and certificate recipients earned \$23,651. All amounts are inflation adjusted to 2008.



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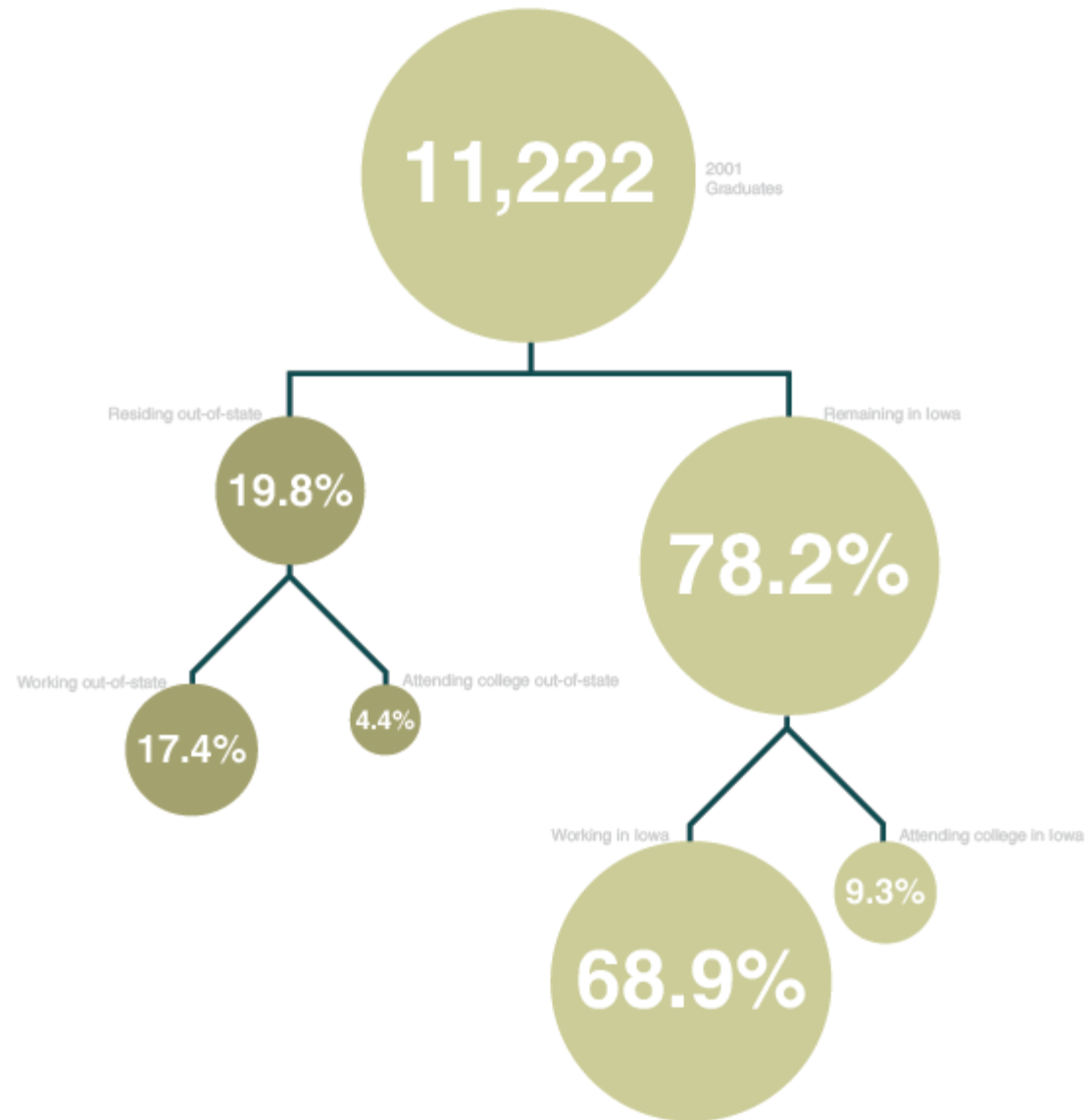
Return by Degree

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Returned varied by the type of degree received. AAS was the most lucrative, worth \$41,962 over six years. The AS was worth \$9,343 (18.1%); AGS \$24,966 (12.4%); Diploma -\$3,169 (-0.7%); AA -\$9,286 (-4.4%).

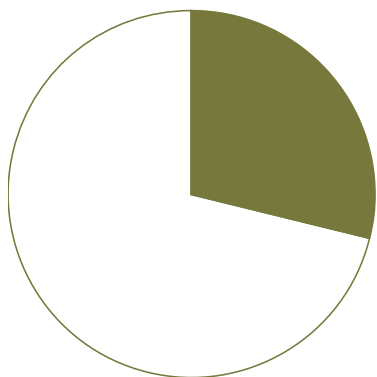




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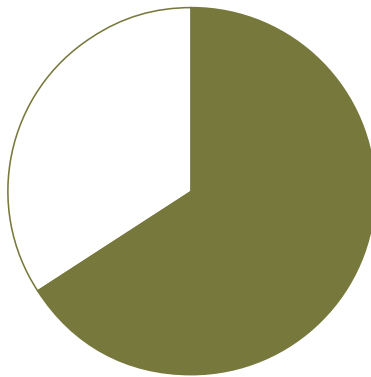
In-State Retention

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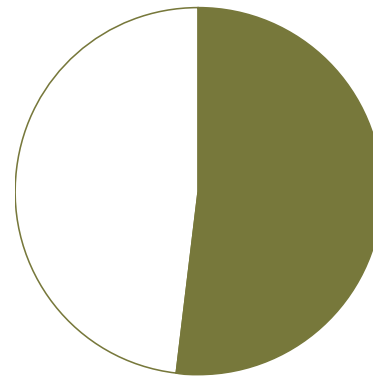
29%

attended an Iowa
4-year college
after graduation.



66%

remained in Iowa
after attending an
Iowa 4-year
college



52%

returned to Iowa
after attending an
out-of-state 4-year
college.

Seventy-eight percent of 2001 graduates remained in the state after four years. Many students returned after attending an out-of-state college and a high proportion continuously stayed in Iowa.

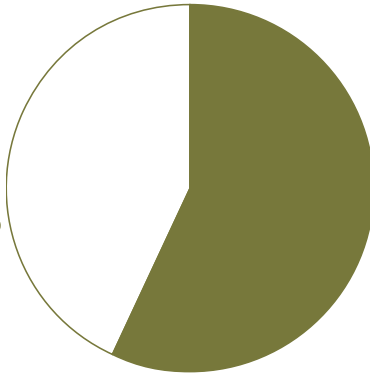


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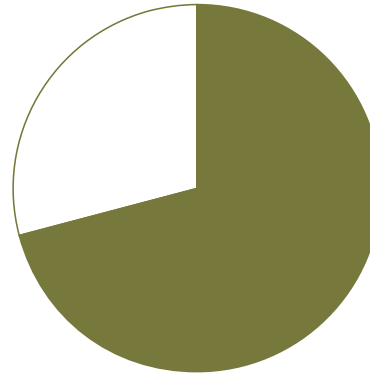
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Enrollment Demographics

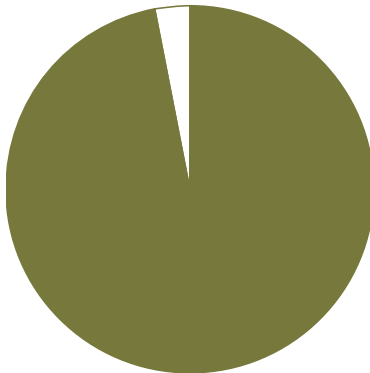
55%
of students
are FEMALE



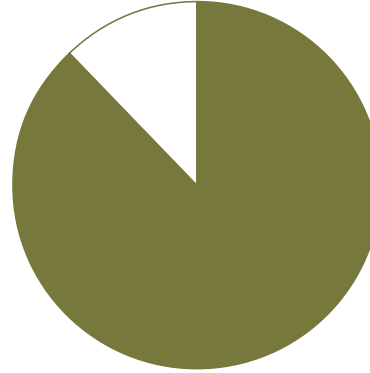
71%
of students
are UNDER 25



97%
of students are
RESIDENTS

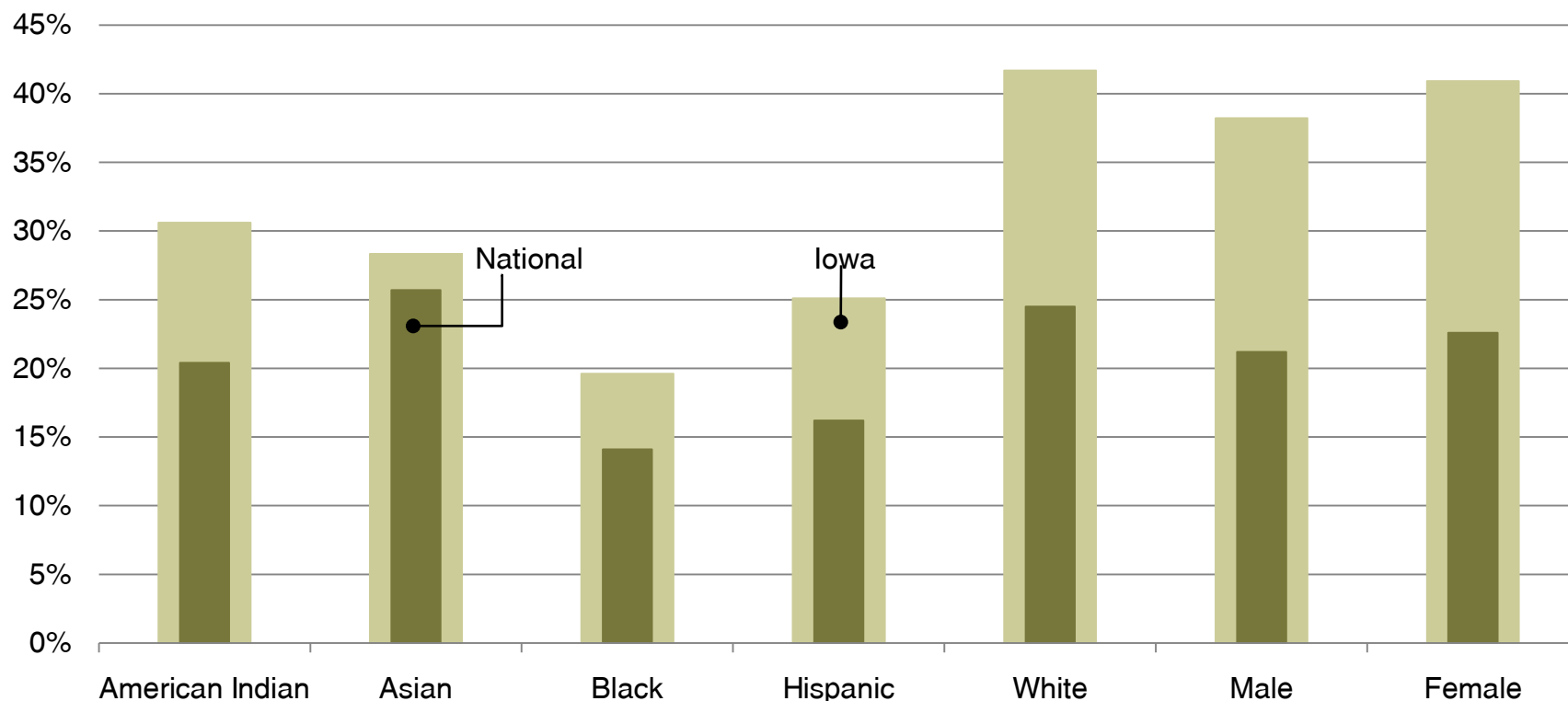


88%
of students
are WHITE



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Graduation Rate

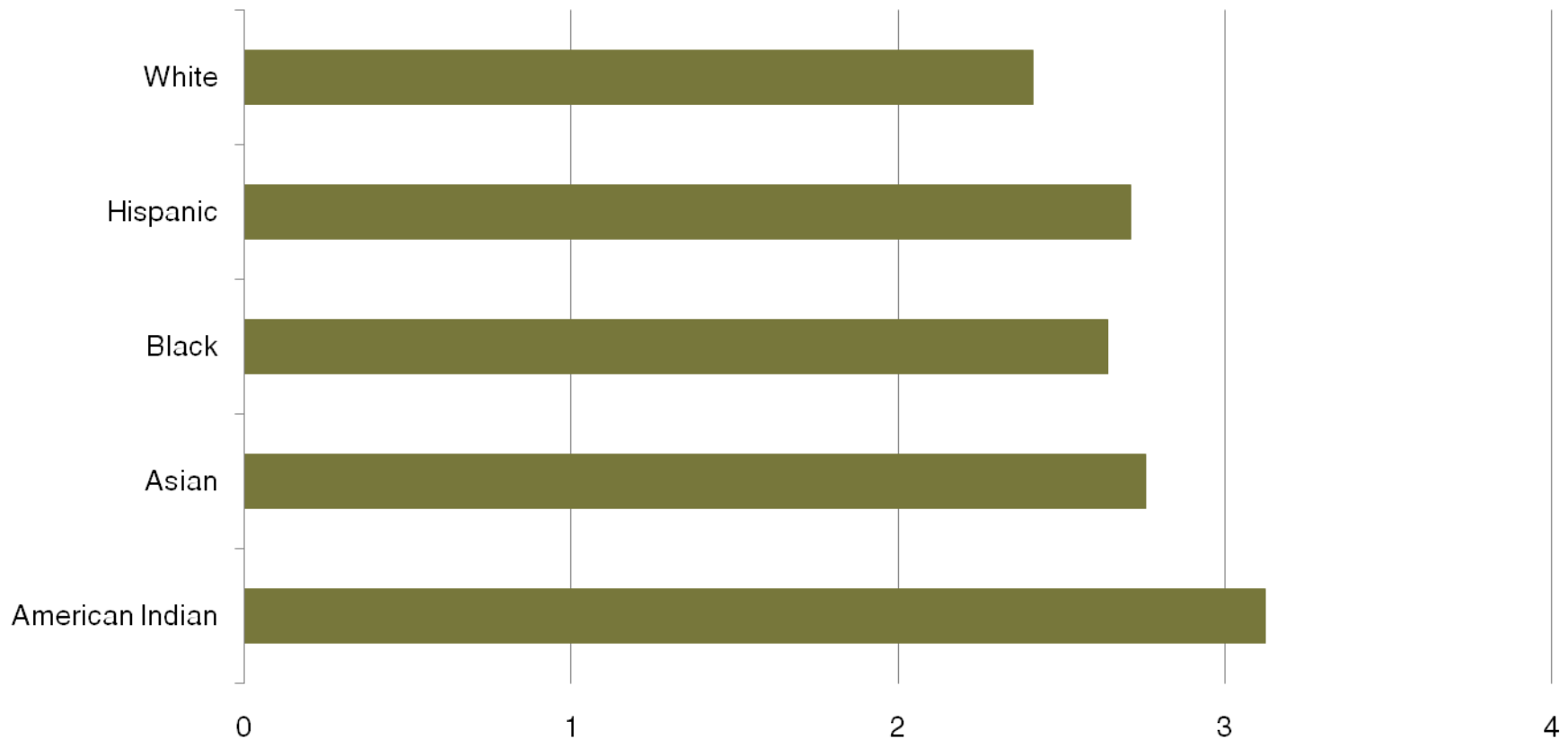


Thirty-nine percent of first-time, full-time students graduate within three years. Iowa's graduation rate hardly exceeds the national rate in all demographic subgroups. There is still a disparity between the graduation rate for whites and minorities in Iowa.



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Time to Degree by Race

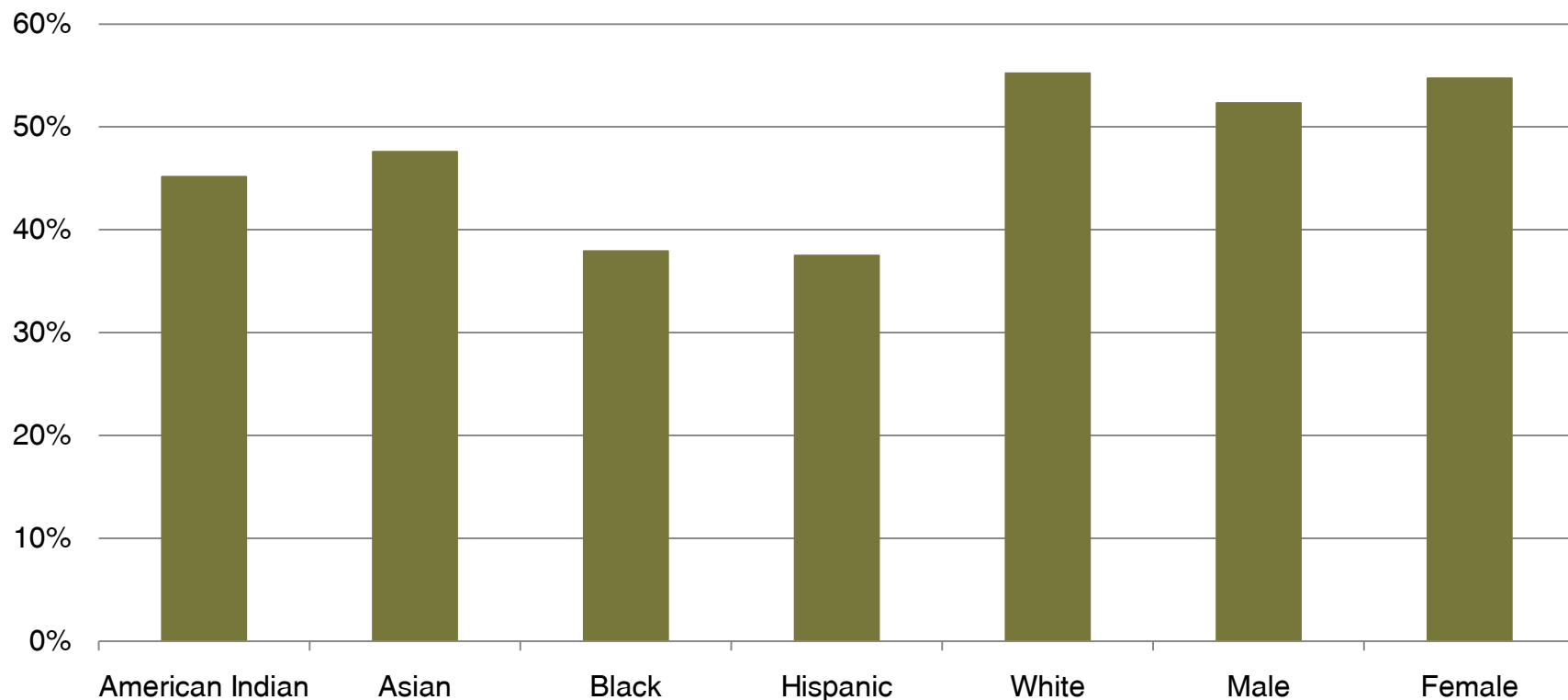


The average time to degree for all students is 2.4 years. Only whites are in line with the state average. Blacks and Hispanics, the two largest minority groups, graduate in 2.6 and 2.7 years, respectively.



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Success Rate

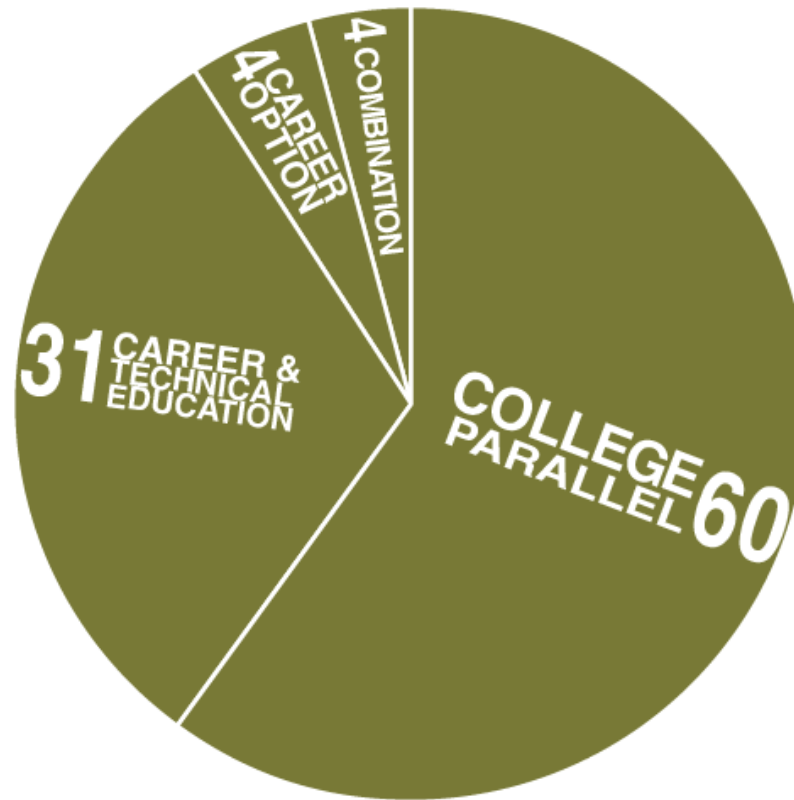


Fifty-three percent of all community college students graduate or transfer within three years. White students have the highest success rate (55.2%), followed by Asians (47.6%), American Indian (45.2%), black (37.9%), and Hispanic (37.5%).



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Program Types

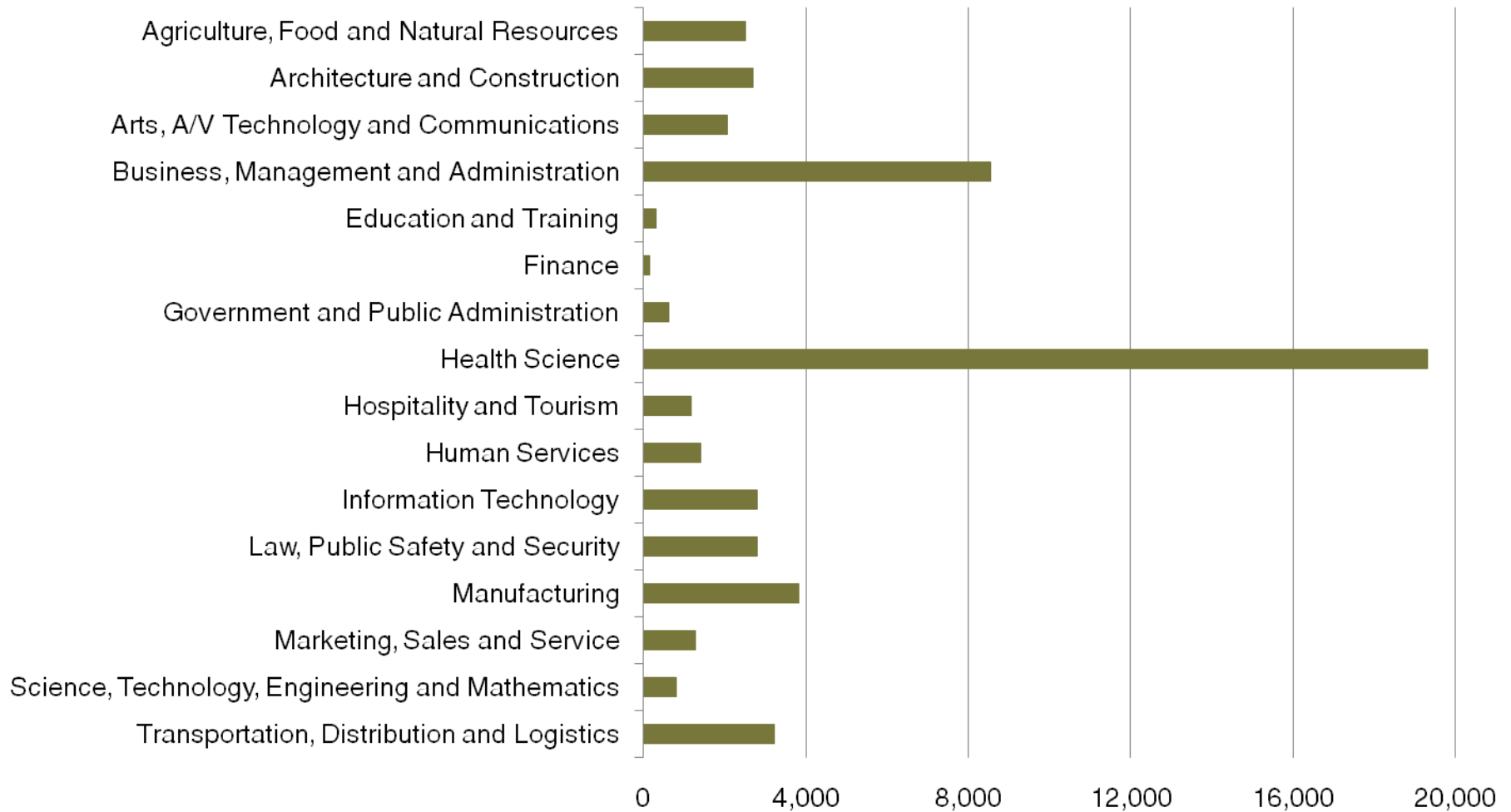


College parallel, as in previous years, is the largest program type. Most of these students continue onto a 4-year institution after leaving the college. CTE is the second largest with 31 percent of enrollment.



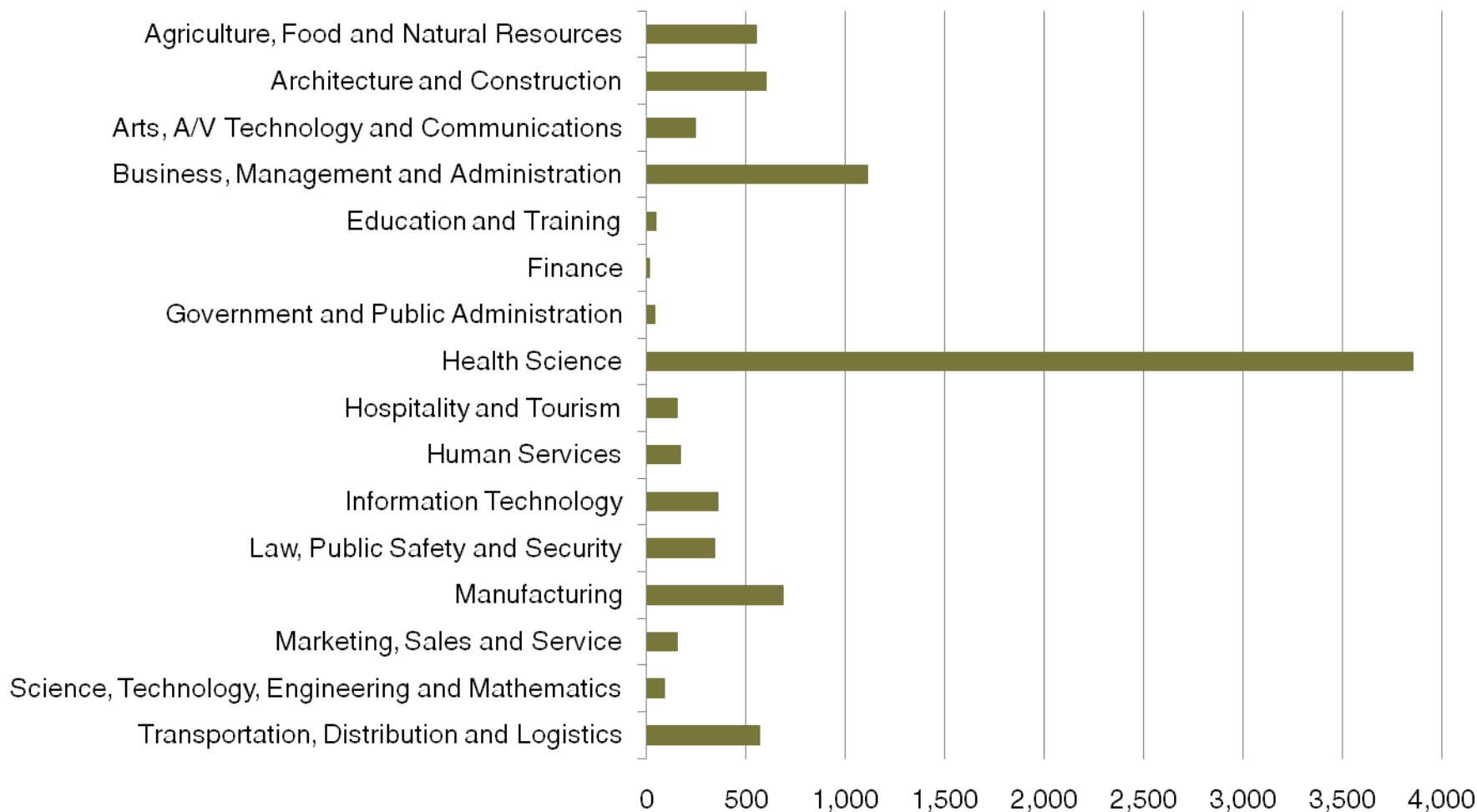
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CTE Majors



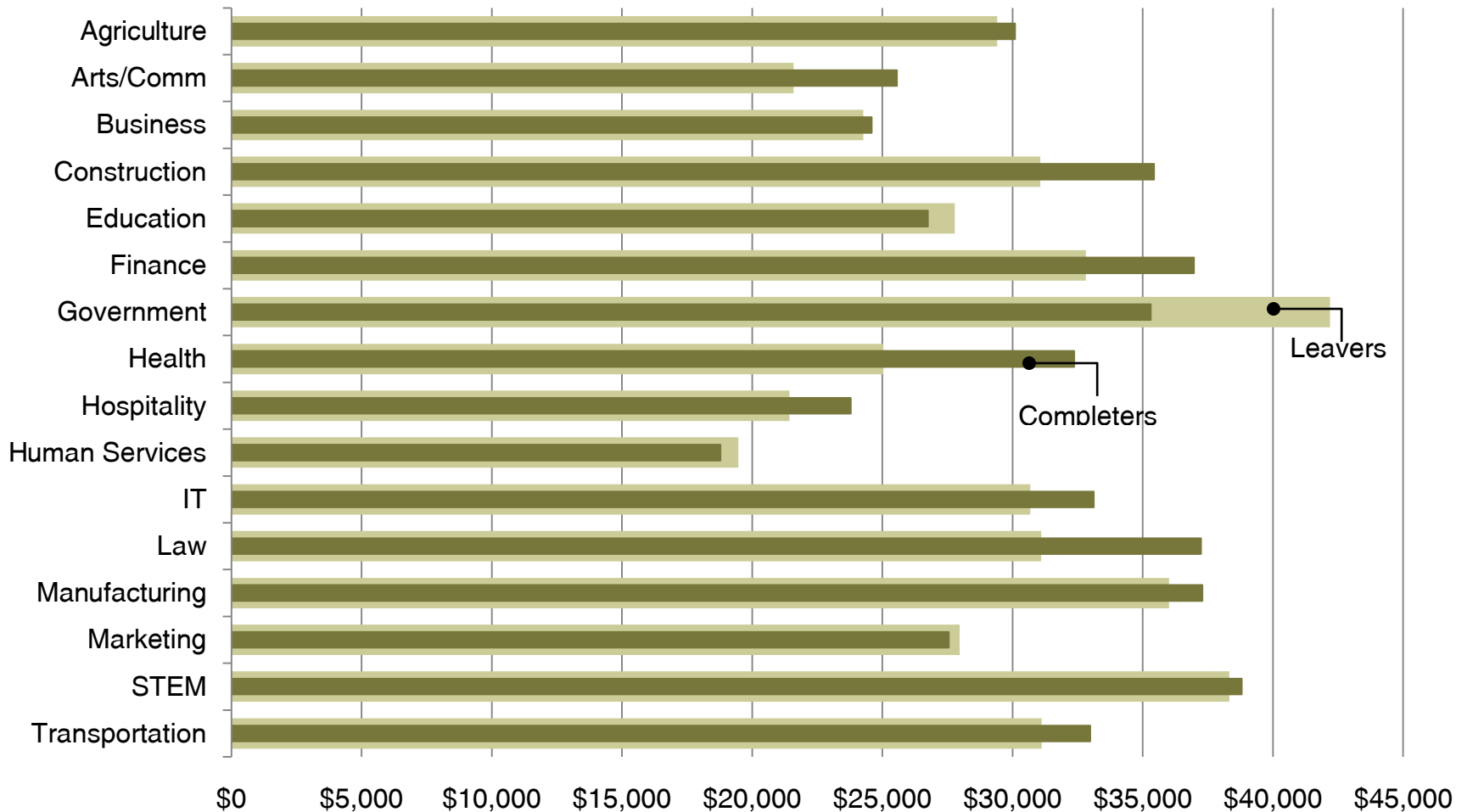
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Awards by Major



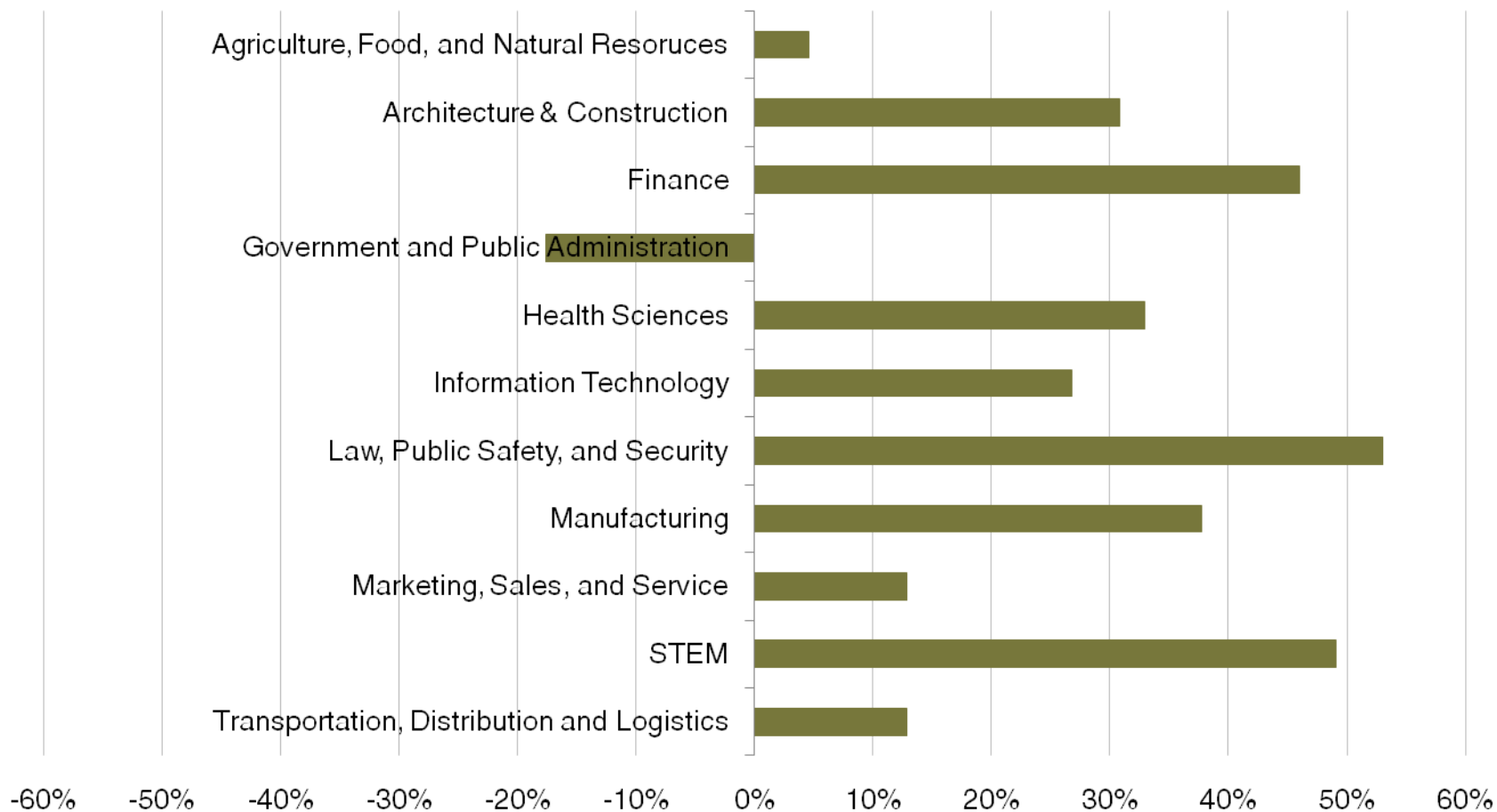
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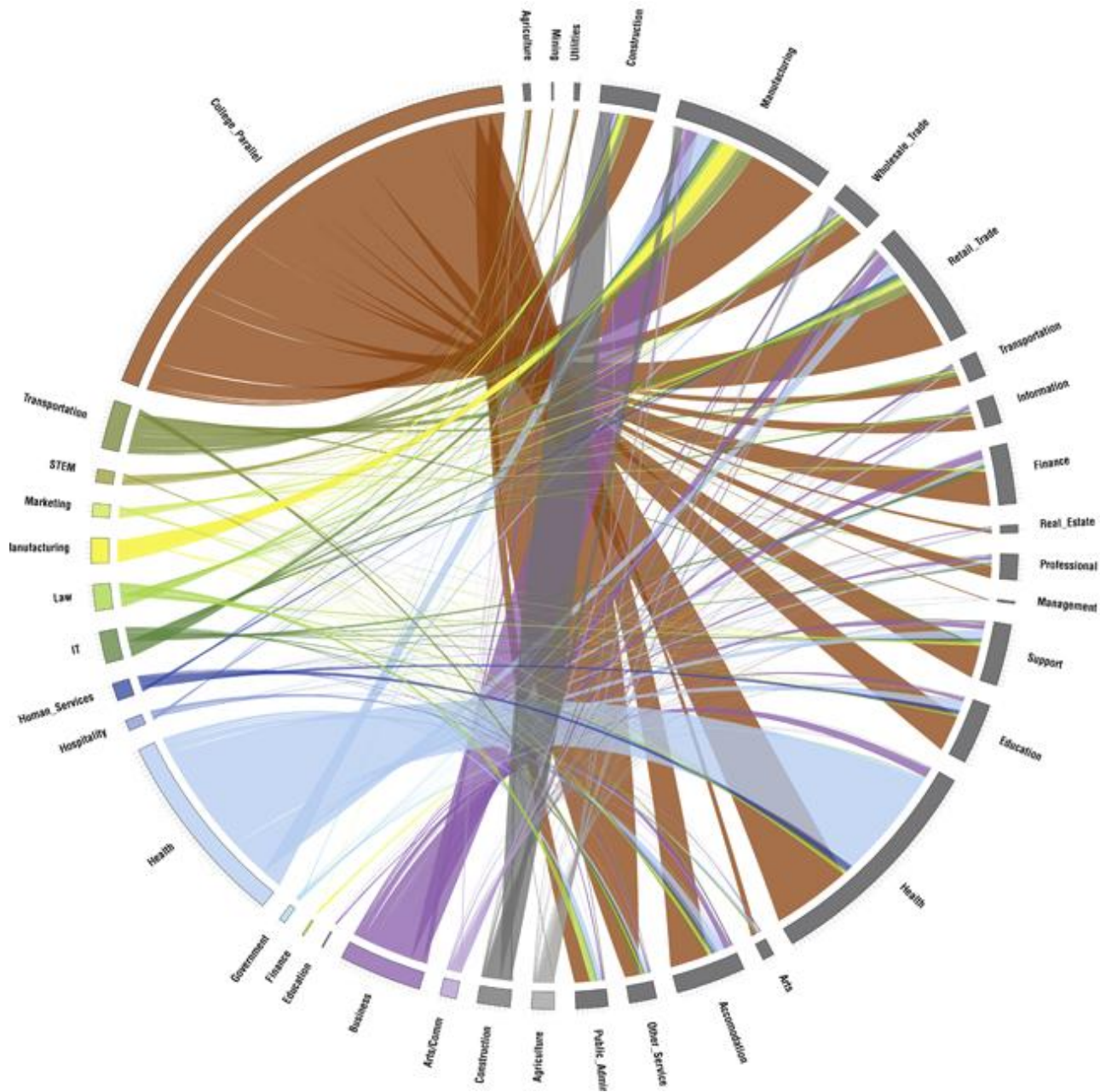
Wages by Major: 2008

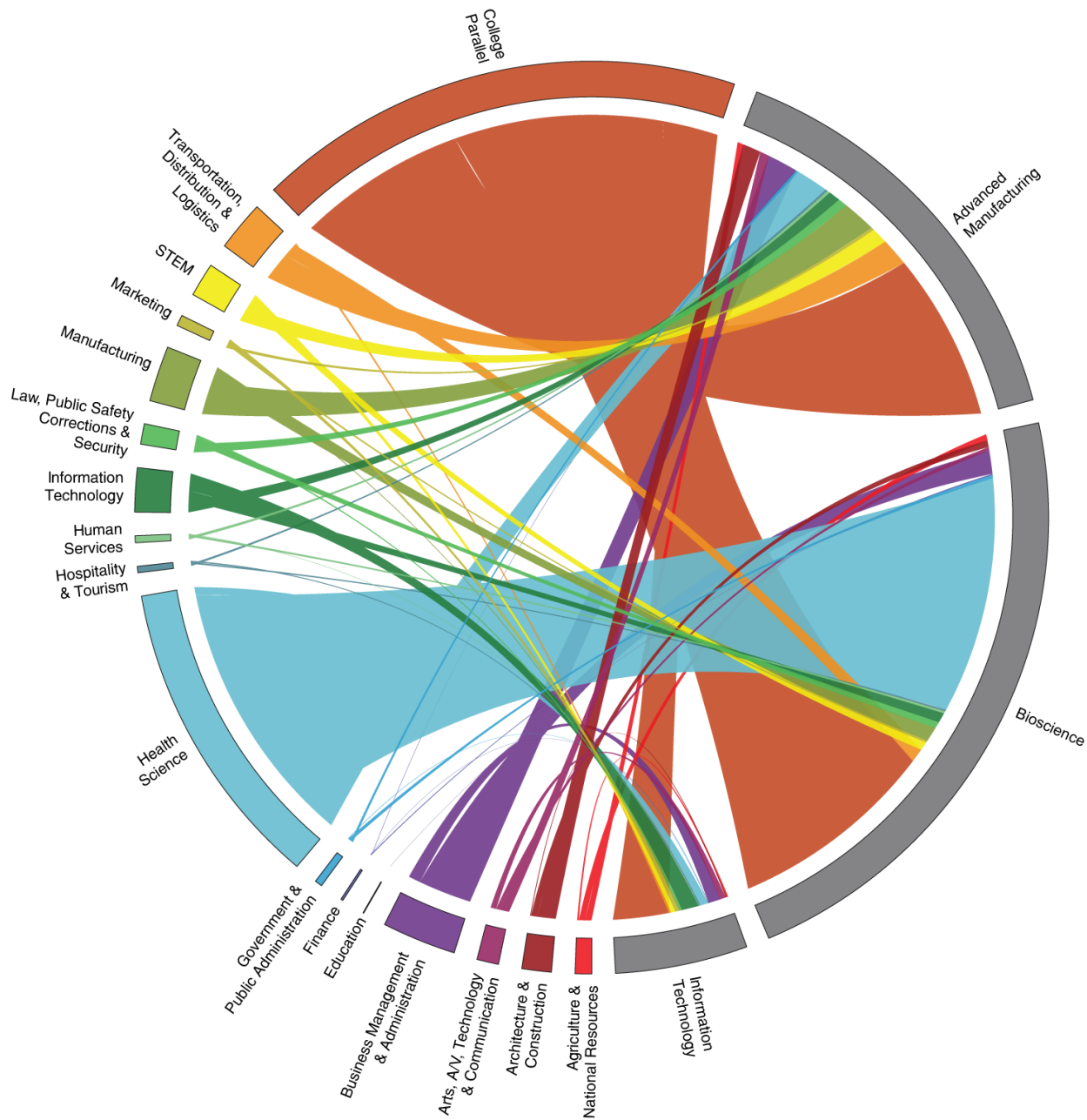


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Returns by Major

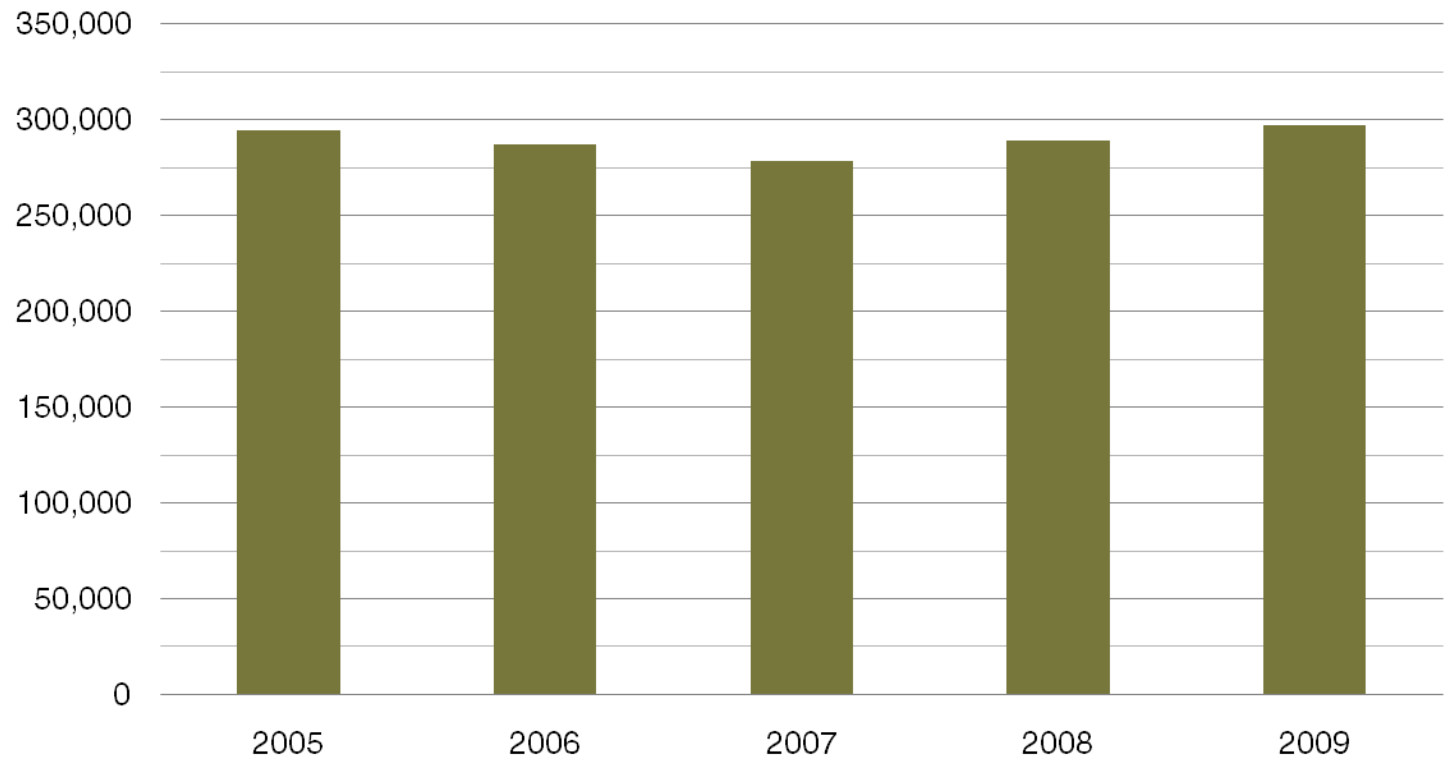






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Non-credit Enrollment

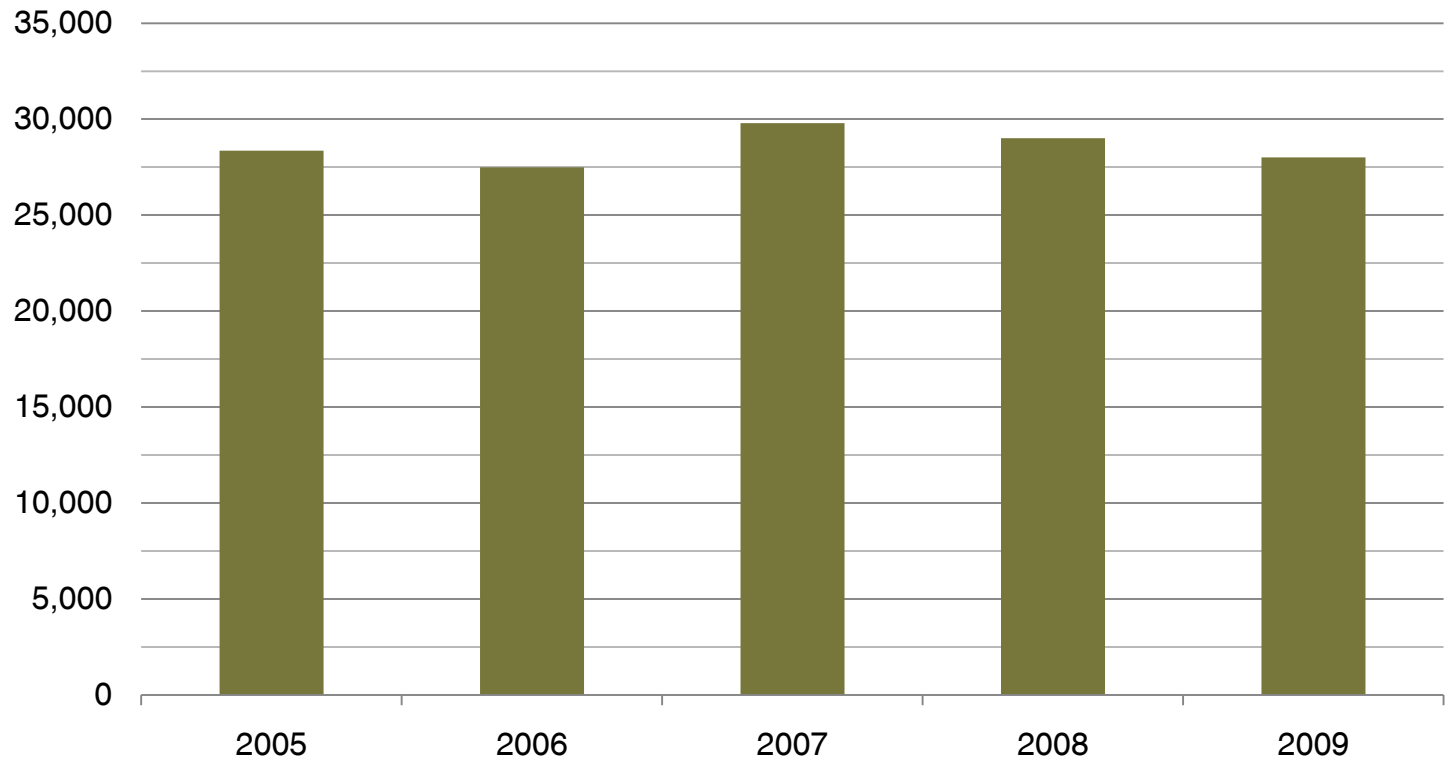


Non-credit enrollment grew 2.8 percent to 297,055 in fiscal year 2009.



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Adult Literacy Enrollment

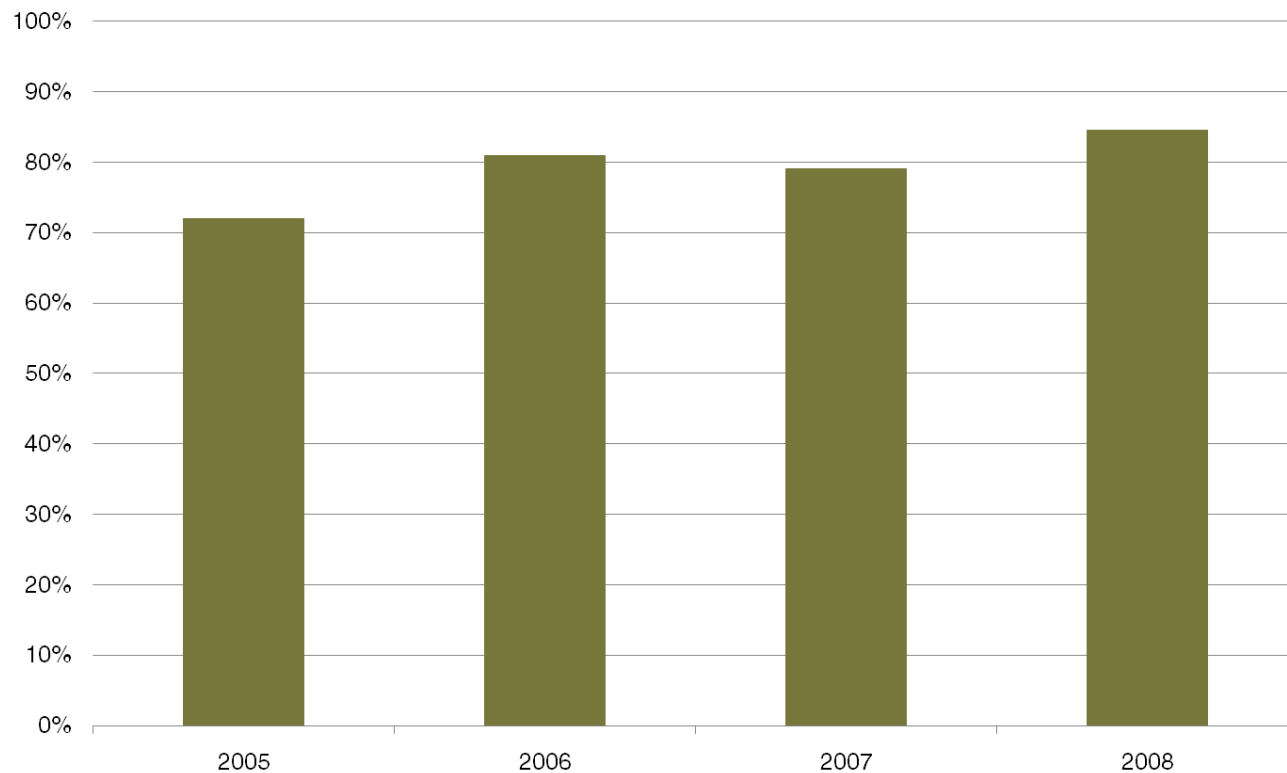


Enrollment in adult literacy declined 3.4 percent to 28,014 students.



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Enter Employment

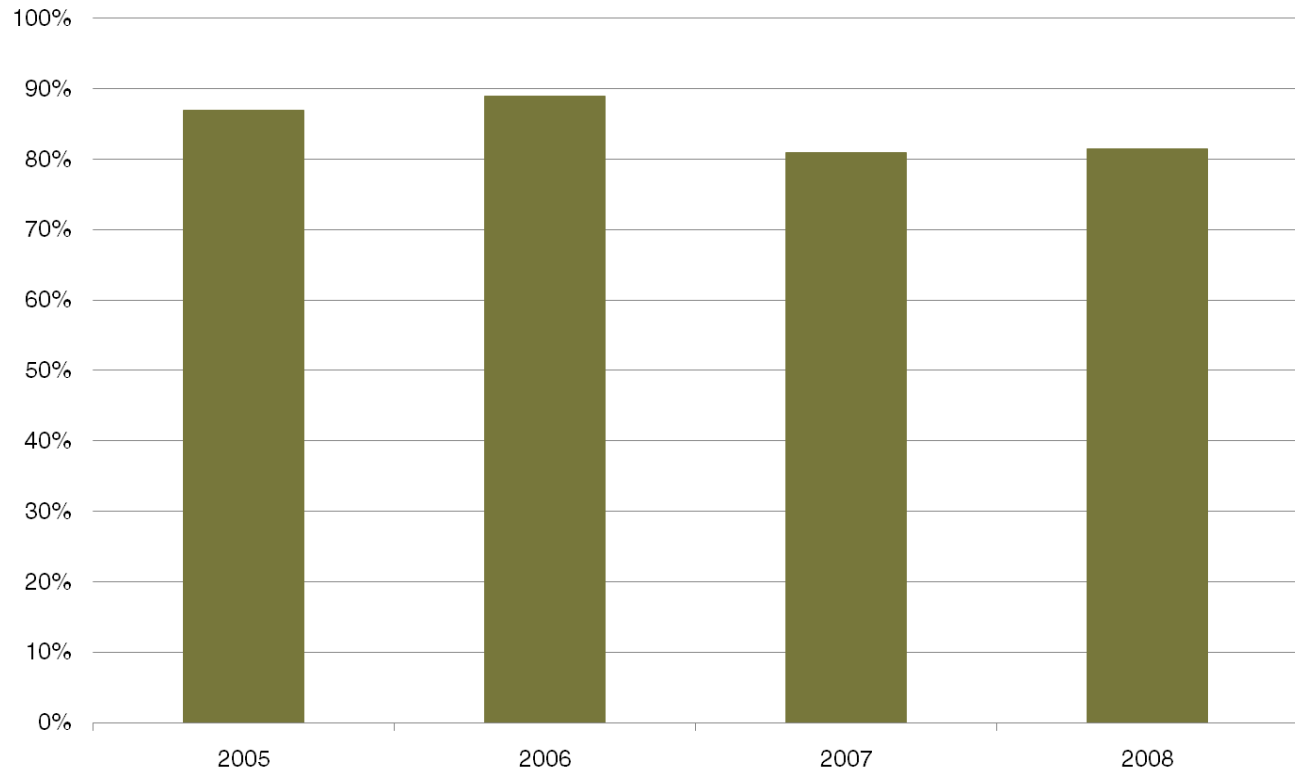


In 2008, 361 students indicated they wished to enter employment after completing an adult literacy program. Eighty-two percent of those students successfully entered employment upon completion.



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Postsecondary Education



In 2008, 411 adult literacy students indicated intent to transition to postsecondary education. Seventy-two percent of those students transitioned into a credit or noncredit program at a postsecondary institution.

